

the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Chairman Serrano; Representatives Inslee; Davis of Tennessee; Emerson; Tiahrt; LaTourette; Frelinghuysen; Sessions; Gingrey; Brady of Texas; Walden; Pence; King of Iowa; Jordan of Ohio and Lee of New York.

WIND AND SOLAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on New Roadmaps for Wind and Solar Research and Development. Testimony was heard from John Saintcross, Program Manager, Energy and Environmental Markets, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE—VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD INTEROPERABILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Examining the Progress of Electronic Health Record Interoperability Between VA and DOD. Testimony was heard from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, GAO; RADM Gregory Timberlake, USN, Acting Director, Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Douglas E. Rosendale, Director, Joint Interoperability Ventures, Office of Health Administration, Veterans Health Administration; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; and Mary Ann Rockey, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to

hold hearings to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider an original bill to extend the programs of SAFETEA-LU, and the nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalapally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, and John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine maritime disputes and sovereignty issues in East Asia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the REAL ID Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to mark up S. 1415, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to